

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22.

A Child's Question.

She was sitting in the twilight,
With her darling on her knee;
And the little one was telling,
In her happy childish glee,
How she thought, "I wish it was snowing,
That the Christmas-time was near,
And of all the lovely presents
That I would bring to her this year."

And the loving mother noticed
All her baby's winning ways,
As she talked of joys expected
In the coming holidays.
Suddenly the child was silent,
And the room was still again;
Well she knew some puzzling question
Vexed the baby's busy brain.

All at once the wee one's query
Seemed to pierce the twilight gray:
"Mamma, why do we have Christmas?"
What is Christmas, any way?"

And the mother's look was tender
And her voice was soft and low,
As she answered: "'Tis the birthday
Of the Christ Child, dear. You know
The old story—how the shepherds
Found the baby where he lay,
In a cave upon the hill side,
Resting on a bed of hay;

"And the three wise kings, to find him,
Traveled long, and traveled far
From their homes in distant countries,
Guided by a moving star;

"And the star by night did lead them
Over desert, field, and hill,
Till at last, above the stable,
O'er the cave it stood quiet still;

"And the three wise kings there found him,
Baby King, a few days old;
And they gave him precious presents,
Frankincense and myrrh and gold.

"And now, dear, since that birthday,
Many hundred years ago,
We've remembered Christ and kept it,
Called it Christmas, as you know."

For a moment there was silence
As the mother ceased to speak;
Then she felt the softest kisses
Pressed in love upon her cheek,
And two baby arms caressed her,
And she heard a sweet voice say:
"Mamma, you all give me presents
Every year on my birthday,

"And each year you give such lovely
Things to every one; don't you?
Why, if this is Jesus' birthday,
Don't you give him presents too?"

Startled by the baby's question,
Through the mother's mind there flew
Visions of the coming Christmas
All she'd thought and planned to do;

Of the many costly presents
For her loved ones she had bought,
And there was not one for Jesus.
With the vision came the thought
That "a little child shall lead them,"
Was her baby leading her?

Did the things in far-off ages
Bring him perfumes, gold, and myrrh?
And should she on his birthday
For him nothing give or do?

Still the baby's voice repeated,
"Can't we give him presents too?"

And the mother, in her sorrow,
Felt her heart with gladness fill
As she kissed the little ones,
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Alexandria	9:51	12:35 p.m.	7:00
Manassas	10:23	1:01	7:35
Warrenton	10:23	1:01	7:35
Orange	11:43	2:18	9:01
Charlottesville	11:43	2:18	9:01
Richmond	11:43	2:18	9:01

SOUTH BOUND		NORTH BOUND	
No. 51.	Daily.	No. 50.	Daily.
Washington	8:20 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Alexandria	9:51	12:35 p.m.	7:00
Manassas	10:23	1:01	7:35
Warrenton	10:23	1:01	7:35
Orange	11:43	2:18	9:01
Charlottesville	11:43	2:18	9:01
Richmond	11:43	2:18	9:01

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EASTWARD		WESTWARD	
Daily, except Sunday.	Daily, except Sunday.	Daily, except Sunday.	Daily, except Sunday.
11:00 p.m.	9:47 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	11:12 a.m.
9:15	8:15	4:40	9:00
3:17	6:21	6:31	12:15 p.m.
2:40	6:10	1:10	1:30
1:45	5:15	7:05	1:25

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